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1. WE FULLY AGREE THAT WE LACK COMPREHENSIVE UNDERSTANDING OF UNFICYP DEALINGS WITH BOTH CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES AND THAT RATIONALE BEHIND ITS DECISIONS AND PROCEDURES IS NOT ALWAYS FULLY MADE AVAILABLE WHEN OUR SUPPORT IS SOUGHT. IT IS PARTLY FOR THESE REASONS, AMEMBASSY NOTES, THAT WE TEND TO COUCH OUR SUPPORT FOR UNFICYP'S IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS DIFFICULT TASK USUALLY IN GENERAL TERMS AND LIMIT OURSELVES TO COUNSELS OF RESTRAINT AND ONGOING DIALOGUE TO WORK OUT CONTENTIOUS ISSUES. THIS POSTURE WOULD BE MORE DIFFICULT MAINTAIN IF WE HAD FULL ACCESS TO UNFICYP CORRESPONDENCE
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AND THINKING.

2. FOR THESE REASONS AND ALSO BECAUSE ANY DETAILED STUDY OF UNFICYP PRACTICES WOULD TAKE CONSIDERABLE TIME AND WOULD NECESSARILY HAVE TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN NICOSIA, WE TEND TO THINK US SHOULD NOT CONDUCT OR BE ASSOCIATED WITH STUDY SUGGESTED REFTEL. IN VIEW OF SPECIAL UK ROLE ON CYPRUS AND ITS PARTICIPATION IN UNFICYP, WE CAN SEE WHY FCO MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN DOING SUCH A STUDY, AND WE CERTAINLY DO

NOT WANT TO DISCOURAGE THEM FROM GOING AHEAD.

3. WOULD WELCOME EMBASSY NICOSIA'S COMMENTS ON FOREGOING.

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